Statement—I

(Rs. / Kg.)

S.No.	Name of the Drug	Price before DPCO, 1987	Price as on 31st July, 1990
1.	Vitamin B-1 Hcl	950	1402
2.	Vitamin B-1 Mononitrate	1011.50	1550
3.	Vitamin B-2	2098	2912
4.	Vitamin B-6	1200	1400
.	Folic Acid	2631.62	2640

Statement—II

S.No.	Name of the Drug	Year	Quantity imported (Kgs.)	CIF price of iport (Rs./Kg
1.	Vitamin B-1 Hcl.	1987-88	1500	457.79
2.	Vitamin B-1 Mc nchydrate	1987-88	449	449.00
3.	Vitamin B-2	1987-88	5000	680 00
		1988-89	3000	672 35
4.	Vitamin B-6	1988-89	3000	517.78

Oil explorating work in Bihar

904. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil exploration work in Bihar in the Kadmala Garauli area was stopped because of the controversy created by the Ministry of Environment and Forests;

(b) whether it is also a fact that ONGC had to incur heavy loss for the last three months since the felling of trees in the area was objected to by the Environmental Ministry; and

(c) if so, what further action Government are taking to start the oil exploration work in the area?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) After completion of drilling operations at Ganauli at the end of March 1990, drilling operations at Kadmah in District West Champaran in Bihar were held up due to delay in environment clearance. ONGC had sought permission for felling 41 trees. The initial objection to granting environment clearance was because the area was in the proposed Tiger Project. However, environment clearance was accorded on 6th July, 1990 with certain stipulations. During the interim period, ONGC did suffer some losses on account of idling of the rig. The shifting of the rig equipment has now started and the spudding of the well is expected in September 1990.

905. [*Transferred to the 23rd August, 1990*]

Overcharging by m|s. Pfizer

906. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the

answer to Unstarred Question 1267 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the shield of Bombay High Court stay order M/s. Pfizer overcharged the prices of Vitamin formulations and under the guise of Delhi High Court stay they overcharged the prices of antibiotics;

(b) what was the price charged for each and what was the price fixed.

(c) when were the prices fixed and upto what period prices were overcharged;

(d) when was the stay granted by each court and when was decision given by the Courts;

(e) what are the main decisions in each case;

(f) whether it is a fact that company is importing drugs from their principles and their associates; and

(g) if so what is the quantity of each drug imported during the last three years, year-wise and CIF import price of each consignment?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) M/s. Pfizer Ltd. overcharged the price of Oxytetracycline and Penicillin formulations based on the stay granted by the Delhi High Court and of multivitamin formulations based on the stay granted by the Bombay High Court.

(b) to (g) Information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

Prices of Metronilazole

907. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1269 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether his Ministry has taken any action against M/s. Denis Pharmacy or M/s. May and Baker for overcharging the price of Flagyl Injection;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that formulators of other brands based on Metronidazole have also overcharged the price of their formulations;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that Metronidazole is being sold at a much lower price than the notified price;

(f) what is its notified price and what is the present selling price and what steps have been taken to review the price in order to give relief to consumer;

(g) whether it is a fact that instances of certain drugs of lower market price have come to the notice of his Ministry; and

(h) if so, what are the names of drugs and what action has been taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s. Denis Pharmacy have been asked to explain reasons for not obtaining price approval from the Government in respect of Flagyl injections.

(c) and (d) The requisite information, to the extent available, will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(e) to (h) Yes, Sir. Some such instances have come to the notice of the Government. The bulk drugs involved are Analgin, Ampicillin, Amoxycillin, Cephalexin, Doxycycline, Metronidazole, Parental Pamoate etc. Government has already reduced price of Analgin on interim basis and also of Doxycycline. BICP has also undertaken fresh Cost-cum-Technical Study in respect of Analgin and Metronidazole to revise their prices.

Procurement of Diphenyl Piperiding

908. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Hoechst is using Diphenyl piperidine Ethyl